

Application No. 09/557,035
Reply to Office Action of July 28, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and in light of the following remarks and discussion.

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. Independent Claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 13 and 14 are amended and Claims 18 and 19 are canceled.

The Office Action rejects Claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S.P. 6,137,468 to Martinez in view of U.S.P. 6,396,506 to Hoshino, U.S.P. 6,326,978 to Robbins et al., U.S.P. 6,122,682 to Andrews and U.S.P. 5,834,623 to Ignagni. With respect to Claims 18 and 19 this rejection is moot. With respect to the remaining claims this rejection is respectfully traversed.

None of the applied references disclose controlling a direction of display of the selected image by rotating the selected image according to previously stored read addresses read in accordance with the detected angular component as in amended independent Claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 13 and 14. As discussed in the specification at page 25, line 10 et seq., in a normal display state of the multi-window screen 83, CPU 30 stores a desktop image data and window image data in the VRAM 57. When reading from the VRAM, the CPU 30 uses predetermined write addresses and read addresses such that the addresses from a write start position to a write end position match the addresses from a read start position to a read end position.

In addition, the CPU 30 has previously stored read addresses in the RAM 32 for use in displaying a rotated multi-window screen 83 on the liquid crystal panel 7, together with the normal write addresses and read addresses. The CPU 30 detects the angle of rotation of the display section 3 about X-axis and reads addresses in accordance with the detected angle of rotation from the RAM 32 and uses them for display. None of the applied references disclose this feature.

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In particular, Martinez discloses at column 5, line 54 that if the windows are to be rotated, the system coordinate table is updated with the results. System coordinate tables are normally used by most operating systems to define where pixel locations are on the physical screen. Thus, in Martinez the system coordinate table is updated and there is no disclosure of previously stored read addresses read in accordance with a detected angular component.

Consequently, in view of the present amendments, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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